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MEMORANDUM FOR:   The Honorable McGeorge Bundy  
                      Special Assistant to the President

                      The Honorable Elmer B. Staats  
                      Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget

                      The Honorable Chester Bowles  
                      Under Secretary of State

                      The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric  
                      Deputy Secretary of Defense

                      The Honorable Edward R. Murrow  
                      Director, United States Information Agency

At a recent meeting of our Thursday luncheon, a proposed letter from the President to certain Ambassadors abroad was circulated and subsequently under date of May 27, 1961, was dispatched.

At the time of our consideration of this letter, I pointed out that there were certain covert operations which were regulated by National Security Council Intelligence Directives. I also pointed out that under date of November 8, 1960, President Eisenhower had issued an Executive Order covering the role of our U. S. Diplomatic Missions Abroad and the coordinating role of the Chiefs of Mission, he had issued a special confidential memorandum to the Secretary of State, Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence, pointing out that the Executive Order was not intended "to supersede existing arrangements with respect to

foreign intelligence activities, which are governed by National Security Council intelligence directives and other pertinent directives, regulations, and procedures."

In discussing the advance draft of what became the President's letter of May 27, 1961, I pointed out that there should, in due course, be a follow-up letter dealing with the question of coordination of intelligence and covert action activities.

I append herewith for your convenience copies of the President's letter of May 27, 1961; a proposed follow-up letter to accomplish the objectives I have mentioned, and a copy of the somewhat corresponding actions which were taken by the President, dated November 8, 1960.

I should like to discuss these papers at our next Thursday luncheon.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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